

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 – Expedited Procedure

Serial No. 09/878,480

Examiner: Ramnandan P. Singh

Amendment to the Claims

1 – 28 (Canceled).

29 (Previously Presented). A telecommunications system comprising:
an apparatus capable of providing an alphanumeric speed dialing service, said apparatus including:

a database including a table of stored alphanumeric speed dialing codes and stored phone numbers; and

a controller, coupled to said database, capable of receiving an alphanumeric speed dialing code from a calling party and further capable of comparing the received alphanumeric speed dialing code to the stored alphanumeric speed dialing codes and if there is a match then enabling a connection between the calling party and a called party at the stored phone number associated with the received alphanumeric speed dialing code; and

wherein said calling party provides one feature access code along with the alphanumeric speed dialing code to initiate the alphanumeric speed dialing service and said calling party provides another feature access code along with the numerical speed dialing code to initiate the numerical speed dialing service.

30 (Original). The telecommunications system of Claim 29, wherein said apparatus is also capable of providing an numerical speed dialing service, wherein said database includes a table of stored numerical speed dialing codes and stored phone numbers and said controller is capable of receiving a numerical speed dialing code from a calling party and further capable of comparing the received numerical speed dialing code to the stored numerical speed dialing codes and if there is a match then enabling a connection between the calling party and a called party at the phone number associated with the received numerical speed dialing code.

31 (Original). The telecommunications system of Claim 29, wherein said received alphanumeric speed dialing code is related to a name of the called party.

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 – Expedited Procedure

Serial No. 09/878,480

Examiner: Ramnandan P. Singh

32 (Canceled).

33 (Original). The telecommunications system of Claim 29, wherein said apparatus is a telephone, switch, home location register or a service control point.